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SUBJ: R/V TRIDENT CRUISE 172: CLEARANCE TO OPERATE IN ITALY

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1. MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS HAS POSTPONED ISSUANCE OF CLEARANCE FOR TRIDENT RESEARCH ACTIVITIES IN BAY OF NAPLES DESCRIBED REFTEL AND REQUESTED BY NOTE CLARIFICATION OF WORK TO BE PERFORMED, AND ACCEPTANCE OF CERTAIN CONDITIONS.

2. MORE DETAILS ARE REQUESTED ON:

A. INFORMATION ON THE SEISMIC LINES BY REFLECTION THAT THE RESEARCHERS INTEND TO TRACE;

B. INFORMATION ON THE INSTRUMENTS THAT WILL BE USED IN THE RESEARCH;

C. CHARACTERISTICS OF THE SHIP EMPLOYED INCLUDING THOSE OF THE RADIO-LOCATION APPARATUS AVAILABLE ABOARD;

D. FURTHER DETAILS ON THE METHODS USED FOR THE SEISMIC STUDIES (ENERGY SOURCES AND TYPES OF RECORDING METHOD);

E. INFORMATION ON WHICH ZONES ARE TO BE SURVEYED

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GEOMAGNETICALLY;

F. EXACT LOCATION IN TERMS OF COORDINATE WHERE DRAGGING
WILL BE CARRIED OUT;

G. EXACT LOCATION BY MEANS OF COORDINATES WHERE THE BOTTOM
SAMPLING WILL BE CARRIED OUT.

3. CONDITIONS IMPOSED ARE THAT:

A. THE PLANNED OPERATIONS DO NOT CAUSE DAMAGE TO THE
MARINE BIOLOGICAL RESOURCES NOR IMPEDE FISHING OPERATION
(LAW 14.7.65N.693 AND D.P.R.2.10.68N.1639);

B. FORESEEN RESULTS ARE NOT FOR PURPOSES OF
INDUSTRIAL RESEARCH (LAW 21.7.76N.613) AND WILL BE CARRIED
OUT WITHOUT THE USE OF EXPLOSIVES AND DO NOT INCLUDE THE
OCCUPATION OF A ZONE OF MARITIME DOMAIN OR OF THE TERRITORIAL
SEA;

C. THE INDICATED RESEARCH CANNOT BE CARRIED OUT IN
ZONES CONTAINING SUBMARINE INSTALLATIONS (OIL PIPELINES,
TELEPHONE OR TELEGRAPH CABLES).;

D. THAT THE EQUIPMENT USED IN THE PROSPECTING BE IN
CONFORMITY WITH INTERNATIONAL REGULATIONS IN FORCE CONCERNING
SECURITY OF NAVIGATION AND SAFEGUARDING OF MARINE LIFE;

E. AN ITALIAN RESEARCHER IS ABLE TO PARTICIPATE IN THE
PROGRAM (SEE ARTICLE 5.8 OF THE CONVENTION ON THE CONTINENTAL
PLATFORM);

F. AT THE END OF EACH CRUISE A COPY OF THE RECORDING
MADE AND A PART OF EACH SAMPLE COLLECTED BE PROVIDED TO
MARIDROGRAFICO-GENOVA;

G. CONTACTS BE MADE WITH MARIDIPART-NAPLES AND
MARISICILIA-MESSINA TO RECEIVE "WARNING TO NAVIGATORS"
AND "DANGER AREA NOTICES" THAT AS NOTED HAVE A PRECISE CONTENT.

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